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JUDSON URGES PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION BEFORE BUSINESS MEN

State's Attorney Tells Them at New Haven Banquet That Connecticut Has Subscribed to the Theory of Monopoly in Railroads, Trolleys, Gas, Water and Power Plants--No Danger He Says of the Public Utilities Bill Being Lost in the House, But the Senate Must be Watched.

Gathered in Harmonie hall the members of the New Haven Business Men's association last night held their fifteenth annual banquet which from all standpoints will go down as a most notable event in the history of the organization. Public utilities was the paramount subject that was handled by both State Attorney Stiles Judson and Ex-Lieutenant Governor Everett J. Lake.

Mr. Judson was the concluding speaker. He said he believed in a public utilities commission in substitution for the present railroad commission and not for a haven or asylum for our professional politicians. He believed in one, he said, that should properly regulate these great monopolies. The people of Connecticut have been little by little lowered into a policy where the public service corporations have been entirely freed from all competition and there are only two ways to control them, one is to have unrestricted competition and the other appropriate government control. The people of Connecticut today have supinely surrendered her rights to these monopolies. The state has subscribed to the theory of monopoly in railroads, trolleys, gas, water and power plants and this question was no longer a field for debate. "But show me the man," said he, "that condemns the proposition merging of eight trolley companies into one, having originally a capital of eight millions and the new concern without any increase of property at all was capitalized for 23 millions and he urged this as a proof that there was need that there should be a body to investigate into the power of these companies which had such power to increase their capitalization. In conclusion he declared there was no danger

in the house of representatives of the bill being lost but that it was the senate that had to be watched. Look after the senate and the battle is won. He urged a number of instances to show that there is crying need for regulation and declared that while they were there talking about laws matter there were agents in every district of the state from public service corporations arranging for the non-attendance of members of the senate and it was necessary for them as those working for the utilities bill to carefully scan the nominations of the next election for it if the cause was lost in it there would be little hope. He said there should not be any feeling of discouragement over the defeat in the last assembly as that was a campaign of education, and he considered the outlook hopeful.

Mr. Lake said in part: "What we are for after all in football, in life and in politics is success, which simply means the taking advantage of our opportunities. What to you and me seems illegitimate competition is to the large corporations simply taking advantage of their opportunities. I agree absolutely with Senator Judson although I have not heard his speech yet, in his ideas on the public utilities bill—in so far as he is absolutely right. I believe in a public utilities commission as an executive department of the state government which would give it the fullest powers of investigation and examination and absolute power to enforce every law and to regulate public service corporations. I cannot subscribe to any creation of a commission that is based on the ground that the legislature is not competent to do its work. My optimism and pride in the state of Connecticut units in confirming my belief that the Connecticut legislature does eventually, at least, pass laws that are for the good of all the people of the state."

Congressman Julius Kahn of San Francisco spoke on the topic of Oriental trade. He declared that one of the burning questions of the day, nationally, was the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine.

Classic Dances in Modern Settings at Jackson's Theatre

Seated in the midst of Twentieth Century comforts instead of upon the rude stone benches of two thousand years ago, theatregoers at Jackson's last evening witnessed the revival of the dances as it was practiced by the choreutae of ancient Greece before the art of the Hellenes was effaced under the conqueror's sway. Loie Fuller, the queen of the world's leading danseuses, with nearly two score shapely and graceful young women, attired in the flowing robes of Greek dancing girls, their bare feet unhampered by hostility, presented a two hour program of diversified dance numbers.

Enhancing the beautiful simplicity of the terpsichorean art, a wealth of modern scenic devices and kaleidoscopic effects contributed to the brilliant finale, "The Ballet of Light," participated in by Loie Fuller and all the dancing girls. The theatre orchestra was amplified by a number of the company's musicians. Although apparently ill at ease during the early part of the program, the audience soon entered into the spirit of the performance and waxed enthusiastic toward its close. The dances were designed to give physical expression to the musical works of such composers as Chopin, Strauss, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Mozart.

Loie Fuller left most of the program to her company, appearing only in brief intervals. Irene Sanden and Gertrude Van Axen were the other soloists, their efforts winning enthusiastic applause. The dances, except the ballet of light, were performed upon a bare stage surrounded by rich green hangings. The ballet of light, through the tricks of stage craft, was performed in scenes representing the sea, snow storms, the heavens, the northern lights, volcanic eruptions, and finally a butterfly scene concluding with the brilliant spectacle, "The Great White Lily."

The theatre was not well filled, but the audience was fairly appreciative.

NEW STORY ON MARK TWAIN.

Cass Gilbert, the architect, has a new story on Mark Twain. Mr. Clemens and Mr. Gilbert have their summer homes in nearby towns in Connecticut, and both families happened to be in a New York theatre for the "Romeo and Juliet" of Marlowe and Southern.

Mr. Gilbert went over to Mr. Clemens' box, where the humorist sat clothed in his usual white, to ask if he were coming to Mrs. Gilbert's musicale to which he had been bidden.

"Mr. Clemens regretted that he could not come, and was anxious to have Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert pay him a visit. Mr. Clemens gave some directions to the road to his place. "Of the high road is a smaller road which turns off at a tree. On that tree is a large sign which reads, 'Strangers are not admitted to these grounds'—but don't you believe it—it's a damned lie."—New York Sun.

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